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UNHRC. ARLIA APPEARS TO WANT TO TURN TO SOME
ADVANTAGE ARGENTINA'S VOTE FOR FARER IN
VIEW OF FARER'S LIKELY CERTAIN ELECTION. END COMMENT.
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E.O. 12065: GDS 2/26/85 (HARRIS, F. ALLEN) OR-P
TAGS: SHUM, AR, OAS, UNHRC
SUBJECT: (C) FORNOFF EXPRESSES CONCERN OVER POSSIBLY US
UNHRC INITIATIVES

REF: A) BUENOS AIRES 745; B) BUENOS AIRES 789;
C) STATE 29338

1. ENTIRE TEXT)

2. CHIEF OF FOREIGN OFFICE WORKING GROUP ON HUMAN
RIGHTS, MINISTER JUAN CARLOS ARLIA, CONTACTED EMOFF
LATE FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23, REGARDING POSSIBLE US
INITIATIVES AGAINST ARGENTINA IN THE UNITED NATIONS
HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION (UNHRC).

3. DURING TELEPHONE CONVERSATION ARLIA MADE THE
FOLLOWING POINTS:

A) THE GOA WOULD BE PREPARED TO SUPPORT THE CANDIDACY
OF PROFESSOR TOM FARER AS A MEMBER OF THE INTER-
AMERICAN COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS, IF REPEAT IF THE
UNITED STATES DELEGATION AT GENEVA NEITHER INITIATES
NOR CO-SPONSORS ACTIONS DIRECTED AGAINST ARGENTINA.

B) THERE WERE THREE UNHRC AGENDA ITEMS UNDER
WHICH US REPRESENTATIVE MEXVINSKY COULD INTRODUCE
RESOLUTIONS AGAINST ARGENTINA. IF THE UNITED
STATES EITHER PROMOTES OR CO-SPONSORS ANY SUCH
RESOLUTION, ARLIA FORECAST THAT ARGENTINE PUBLIC
OPINION WOULD BE OTURAGED.

C) ANY US INITIATIVE AT UNHRC WOULD DISTURB
THE "POSITIVE ATMOSPHERE" PRESENTLY PREVAILING IN
ARGENTINA FOR THE PREPARATION OF THE VISIT OF THE
INTER-AMERICAN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION.

D) THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT WILL NOT GAIN
ANYTHING BY TRIGGERING AN INVESTIGATION UNDER UNHRC
AUSPICES WHEN IN "TWO MONTHS" (SIC) THE INTER-
AMERICAN COMMISSION FOR HUMAN RIGHTS (IACHR) WILL
MAKE AN "UNCONDITIONAL VISIT" TO ARGENTINA WHICH
WILL PRODUCE ALL THE INFORMATION NEEDED.

4. COMMENT: AS WE ARE NOT AWARE OF THE STATE OF
PLAY REGARDING INVESTIGATION OF ARGENTINE HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS
AT THE UNHRC MEETING, WE PASS THE SUBSTANCE OF THE
ARLIA DEMARCHE TO THE DEPARTMENT AND GENEVA FOR
YOUR INFORMATION AND USE.

5. WE PASSED ON DEPARTMENT'S MESSAGE REGARDING US
POLICY (REF C) ON MEMBERSHIP IN UNHRC AND
OTHER INTERNATIONAL BODIES IMMEDIATELY AFTER
RECEIVING IT. WE WERE THEREFORE SURPRISED AT
ARLIA'S FOLLOW-UP ATTEMPT TO STRIKE A BARGAIN,
TRADING ARGENTINE SUPPORT FOR PROFESSOR FARER'S
IACHR CANDIDACY AGAINST US INACTION IN THE

ARGENTINA PROJECT (S200000044)

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Margaret P. Grafeld, Director

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